

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S861**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Qualifications for Probate Judge		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 861, as amended, would change the qualifications for a judge of probate. The Bill adds a provision that requires a judge of probate to have been licensed to practice law for a minimum of five years at the time of his/her election. This provision would affect all judges elected after July 1, 2008.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

A survey of 10 counties revealed that this Bill would have no direct fiscal impact. However, the Bill could indirectly impact the amount smaller counties have to compensate their respective judge of probate.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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